THE ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHRISTIAN NATIONS,

The Appulling Labouranties Call for Avmontal Relations With the Turkish Empire-The Call of Religion, Humanity and Justle -- Congress Should Act-Let Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth at Center Church Yesterday Morning.

ward men.

These Christmas words have stronger damned, the first angel who preciaimed the birth but they would not of Christ, the Lord, is answered by I turn next to the Him who taught His disciples to pray, any and publishing enterprises. Some Thy kingdom come, thy will be done of your money is held in this trust.

faith and mighty courage have been na reparation has as yet been secured. God's blessed makers of peace on this Furthermore congress at its last see of the angello host; only the true souls ed homes, and the brave, only they who in some strength of prevailing faith, or power of sacrificial spirit, or hereism of unentered into the Lord's great meaning worthy to take up the angel's song, and to be peak God's good will to be done on earth.

This angelie text, therefore, may form a fitting prelude to the cause which at this Christmas time, and on the last Sabbath, too, of another year, forces its appeal upon the Christian world. For another bitter cry comes to us from a land near where the Lord Christ was born; and its awful woe brings to God's judgment all Christian powers. We may have tried not to listen to it. It is England's responsibility, we have said, not ours. Like Saul, when Stephen was martyred, England, Christian England stands by, consenting, and keeping the garments of them that slay Armenia. This blood, we are saying, is not upon our nation's hands. But as the time goes on, and the tale of horror is not stopped, this our first attitude of speechlessness and inaction is challenged by the appalling inhumanlty of the facts and even now the mighty may be forcing closer home ing of the maker of place for another England, for example, ever be so hard slow, yat sure Providence of the Alupon this country than we have thought, events which shall decide whether we have opportunity and will take responsibility or not. Airendy the menia?'draws near enough to the princtical to require discussion. In some phases it le receiving grave attention in the highest council chamber of our nation. The people should be rendered familiar with it that they may b ready to sustain their government. should it be called suddenly to act. Yet such discussion most begin not fined. THE AWFUL FACTS.

The facts, at first suspected as exaggeration, and still perhaps by some who are not well-informed regarded with some susplcion, are known and demonstrable. Mr. Brice in England has said that the evidence of the masascres is in the files of the foreign office; and it is a significant fact, that since 1881 her majesty's ministers have withheld from publication nearly all consular reports from Turkey. Besides official reports there exist private let ters with circumstantial evidence of horrors. The awful story, details of which no man would wish to relate in a company where innocent children are present, has become too frequent, growing clear too monotonous in its cruelty, too monstrous in its figures of destruction and

dence needed to make masses of figures destruction realizable, or to confirm a dispatches of the press, we need of look beyond the Armenian stu-First in our own universities, and the Armentans regident to our cities for the finite and personal parrations, which size might seem incredible. When men tion-The Duty of the United States in the Site whose youl the from has entered Situation-The Vw.ul.Facts-Duy Govern. It il us, "I know all those people who ver- killed in that village"; "I knew have not heard from my wife and bliller, -God knows"-It is enough. Not America Wait - Discousse in Pull of The man who cannot yet apprehend he face that the greatest crime notern history is now being committee before the eyes of the Christian pow Luke II, 14: Glory to Co In the high-ert, and on earth peace, good will to-to any evidence of human wee, unless he himself was in terment among the

meanings for us than men in their amiable repetitions of them are apt to think.

They are emptied of their holy power, if a people use them while it makes a truce with any wrong. They lose churches and the art galleries of Europe their high prophetic glory, if the church are resplendent with the glory of the sings them in ineffectual contentment marryrs of the primitive church. But with any cvil in the whole world. Even the sober estimates of those in Whether we read these angelic words the best position to know of the number the form in which they have become bers murdered or massacred, since Engsacred in our English tongue; "On earth land assumed protection of the Chris-peace, good will toward men," or whether we read then in the more correct ren- thousand, according to the estimate dering of the Revised version, "Peace some time since of our minister in Tur-on earth, among men in whom He is key, fifty thousand according to the well pleased," or "Men of His good estimate now of others. Then accounts pleasure," the words bear the same indicate that this modern persecution clear, strong enunciation of the divine surpasses in extent, as it outdoes in will of peace to be done on earth; and crucities, any persecution known in the their final note, "Good will," "Men of ancient church; and Christian confess-od's good pleasure," lifts the song of ors as steadfast, and martyrs, whom the angelle host high and pure above no man can number, have come up all false hopes of peace among men this past year out of great iributations or nations who will not key their action before the throne of their God. Many and accord their lives to God's sole of these might have saved their lives will of right and truth. The voice of if they would have abjured their faith:

I turn next to the facts which contriumphal chorus of the heavenly host our governmental relations with in cong exultant and prophetic of the Turkish empire. We have no spepeace which is to be in the new world's clai treaties with Turkey. But for lity's sake, American gunboats echoing has not yet ventured to forbid it. And order the Lord Christ's reign and final some fifty or more years the Turkish roar of British battleships in proclama- if it should; if the Red Cross society victory over all dominion of evil. Who government has allowed our citizens then among mortals may worthily repeat the among mortals may worthily repeat this heavenly song? The Christian mother rejoleting in her first born; the business with the right ordinarily indigity of Turkish misrule falls shatyet she only as she has been willing to give her life in travail for her child, and can rejoice in devoting her first born son to God's noblest sorvice even two hundred and fifty Americans, inunto death. The Christian Sunday cluding their children, and there are school may sing these Christmas carols: many other Americans and naturalized yet only as its youth are trained in Americans throughout the Turkish emoverwhelm two peoples; for they shall a million for Miss Carl m's Red Class obedience to Him who said: "To this pire pursuing commercial occupation, end was I born, and for this cause came concerning whom there are no statis-I into the world, that I could bear wit- ties. The American Board alone holds common sacrifice and common battle beneficence of the American people, and ness unto the truth." The Christian in trust over two million and a half for law and liberty throughout the first merely a contribution of any church may fill its worship with this dollars of property for the use of their h avenly strain, yet only as it serves various educational, medical, mission

Many of the contributions of your fath-Not for the weak, the timid, the inert, or are invested in it. Yet some of this not for hearts incapable of great sympathy for men in every lend, or souls of American citizens in Turkey have insensate to glory of the highest sacribed over their heads: then the same of this one commanding issue in the affairs of the nations, and highest sacribed over their heads: then the sacribular tention to this one commanding issue in the affairs of the nations, and high-light tention to this one commanding issue in the affairs of the nations, and high-light tention to this one commanding issue in the affairs of the nations, and high-light tention to this one commanding issue in the affairs of the nations, and high-light tention to this one commanding issue in the affairs of the nations, and high-light tention to this one commanding issue in the affairs of the nations, and high-light tention to this one commanding issue in the affairs of the nations, and high-light tention to this one commanding issue in the affairs of the nations, and high-light tention to this one commanding issue. pathy for men in every land, or souls of American citizens in Turkey have insensate to glory of the highest sacrifice are these angelic strains announcing some have been shot at thus far their that Christ the Lord is born. Who may lives have been spaced; but for the repeat these words? The apostles and altack upon American property held action she may take to put instant stop. There is no look. The apostles are these words? The apostles and altack upon American property held action she may take to put instant stop. that Christ the Lord is born. Who may lives have been spored; but for the their month to English the Lord is born. Who may live have been spored; but for the conting the sport of the century.

But I open the book of prophecy of old marryrs; the Christian confessors; the in Harpoot no participants or instigatstatesmen and the warriors who in ors of the crime have been as yet pun-God's good pleasure by their unfatting lahed, none have been are sted, and

Martin Lather, braving all at Slon appoint d consuls for some inthe diet of Worms, was worthy to re- terior points to look after our vested peat this angelic strain; Oliver Crom- interests; but, as the president notes in well, writing to all the potentiates of his message, these consuls have been Europe, and using his secretary. John detained in Constantinople and their to convey England's voice to exequators have not been granted. The the Duke of Alva, intending to massa- projection allowed by the wiles of the cre Christians—the Puritan soldier and Tuck to our missionaries has not been the Puritan poet, might be counted a protection in lawful liberty, but a worthy to echo on earth the higher voice precarious guard over their half-burn-

THE RULING PRINCIPLE.

I have merely touched, to the prin- as we put the defenseless prosperity and the earth and sex and fournains of selfish thought and devoted deed have cipies involved, two governmental of our seaboard cities as a temptation rights, at least, may be safely asserted before all the rest of the world. The saying, Fallen, fillen is Rabylon the when on the mountain side He blessed as recognized in the common law of as the children of God those who are the nations. The late President Woolsey is have for a long time had not here. sufficient authority among us for the red marks in this vicinity—one mark for leation; recognition of the right of interference indicating the place off our harbor I close the exceptional cases for the sake of re- other mark showing the hearings of of His judgment shall come ligion and humanity. Were any other the Winchester arms factory as the authority needed than that of this target. We have not even a torpedo humanity; but again the voice shall cautious yet firm scholar, I might heat to any harbor or creek of our sound, "Fallen, fallen is the Habylon of Mr. Gladstone on the eighty-fifth ment of fact I deem enough to dispose anniversary of his birth.

He said: "And do not let me be told that one nation has no authority over | military and naval weakness has less another. Every nation, and, inde d. relevancy in the discussion of our reovery human being, has authority on lations with Turkey; for even our presbehalf of humanity and justice." the statesman who represented Eng- to cope at least with the "Sick Man" land's conscience were now protecting of Europe. I will not discuss, there-Armenia, instead of the noble Lord fore, the matter on the basis of power, whom Hismarck is alleged to have char- but only as a question if right policy. acterized "as a man of wood painted to | Should our traditional polley of nonlook like a man of iron," then Ameri- interference ever be cast aside? A conca's only and f riunate duty might have celvable case might be put in which, I been long before this to have made the welkin ring with her applicuse of Eng- Relets would be compelled to justify a land for sacrificing once more commer- sympathetic interference as the only cialism to honor, and winning the bless. right policy for this country. Should

oppressed race of mankind. by all nations is the right of one country to maintain the claims of its citi- serted by other self-aggrandizing powquestion, what can be done for Ar- zens in another country, by protest, re- ers of Europe, her civilization might ortion, or, if necessary, by was. When seem in peril of perishing without our the property of English citizens was de. ald; then in behalf of our own higher stroyed in China, and English missionhesitate to send an ultimatum, which it might become our supreme national secured the punishment of the perpetrators of the crime. America has the of non-interference and to raise in its ame rights, and the same responsibilities in Turkey. When Austria once inwith feeling, however righteous, but timated that an agent of this governwith facts and principle. The facts of ment was a spy, Daniel Webster, then the situation must be ascertained, the our secretary of state, did not hasitate right principles of action must be de- to assure the court of Austria that, had they treated him as such, "the spirit of this country would have demanded immediate hostilities, to be waged by the itmost exertion of the power of the re public, both military and naval." And

Daniel Webster was no jingo. We may not, however, at once info luties, public or private, from rights. Admitting these international rights he question of national obligation in any case cannot be determined with-

or consideration of national policy The question, therefore, narrows itself till further whether under internation I law, in view of our country's traditional policy, any obligations arise, o any governmental steps are to be taken. Some responsibilities seem to me to be

CONGRESS SHOULD ACT.

The first is the paramount duty of the death, to permit either the reality or American people, and of the congress the atrocity of the Turk's attempted which represents the people, to pledge destruction of the vital stock of a su- our whole support to England in any perior race longer to be concealed from action which England may initiate for the civilized world. And were any evi- the purpose of restoring order through. The official correspondence shows that

the hand of this people to England in late, should account demand, is hea-

live her heroes of the past, urgo her

Wake to the higher alms Of a land that has lost a little her lust

wrongs and shames, Horrible, hazeful, menstrous, not to be rold. And hall once more to the banner of

battle unrolled." But for humanity's sake let not Amer. ca walt to find her voice, when or strong word of brotherhood and trust might speed England on to nobler courage in her appointed task. Our congress could proclaim no holier truce be ountry toward the land from whence

our far southern horizon shall grow in. (my to heaven,

heart of our people, to address their at. the east, to the swful tragedy of the century.

TURKEY.

of all war bluster on our part. This fact, however, for our immediate If ent naval equipment might enable

think, even our most conservative pubpressed by Russia, and so overwhelmed Another principle which is admitted by riding flood of anarchic forces throughout her own empire, that, deaims as a nation, in behalf of the law ries murdered, Lord Salisbury did not and order of God in modern history duty to cast aside our traditional sen stead our stars beside England's flag

an the world's battlefield. The right, and under concelvable cir cumstances some duty, of international interference being ranted, it may be come an open question whether any aggressive governmental step on our part is called for by the situation in Armenta. The answer is not yet clear but hesitate not to say that the question to be recognized by any is at least ophetic etatesmanship as an interrogation of humanity now being written on the enrolling scroll of events. The tendy and vigorous puranti by our overnment of these duties to our own citizens which is plain, may suddenly bring to pass the solution of this larger obligation to humanity which lick waiting its hour in some higher wisdom of strengthen and fortify. That's another providence. For this much at least as reason why it's an ideal food for sick clear national duty we must accomplish people. But above and beyond a at any cost; we must protect our property and our own citizens the ughout he Turkish empire in all rights which are acknowledged among civilized nations. To do less than this would be to betray the reigo of just law, and to insult our own father's in every soldier's and hero's grave. Our government

thank God, is preparing to do as much

out Turkey. We can profitably afford it has insisted upon ind minity and the to put the Ven zuelan quention on the projection of life. Private advices also lee, to be discussed over the diplomatical facility the expectation that in apparelinble at our later convenience, while our lame with orders already lasted our ongress chalges at once the heart and rear admiral in the Er o will not headany decisive action on her part to put the cobwells from the case sa's most a stop to the coloural anarchy of his- and to land nonlines to use it inward a goard American citizens alike from the Let the voice of England's hourease fromy of actued make and the tranche poot, as from the dead among when live her heroes of the past, urgo her province of God it should so come to are that the ceho of one a linery Amercan gun, or the rattle even of the musketry of even a more company of American mariner, should marrie the peace of Europe, at one firm blact from the trumpet of America's liberty the And love of a peace that was full of whole wall of Turk sh tyracity chanle agic to totter-then our children's children may yet praise our father's God for another added giory to the Works of our nation's faith.

THE RED CROSS MISSION, I have feft to the last one thing which an be done, to speak of which after raising these larger questions of governmental obligation, may zeem like tween two countries now vexed for too descending to the least things of our trifling cause; it could do nothing to Christian duty. Yet the saying of our render arbitration hereafter more irre- Lord concerning faithfulness in that sistibly the will of two imperial peo- which is least remains as the sign ples; it could in no way more worthily along the ways of providence to ever represent the dispest feeling of this Widening opportunity. And, "As ye have done it unto the least of these we came, or arouse responses more ex- Armenians," may be the gracious word ultant throughout the whole English- which the recording angel now waits speaking race than by passing a reso- to write in commendation of the charlution that we will stand by England, ity of a Christian land. I know that if need be, against the world, whenever Armenian students, who know the England shall arise in her strength, and worst, in their despair say even of extend the arm of her power over Armenia, and issue the ultimatum of h r Indeed for many of their friends who law and her order in behalf of two mil- have suffered and are dying. But not llons and a half of Christian people too late the mission of the Red Cross whom the awful Tuck is exterminating for the suffering and the starvation from the earth. And should the Prov- which is yet to come. This mission of dence of God so ordain that these two the Red Cross is woman's noblest con-Christian nations, which are rivals in tribution to the world's warfars and dethe arts of pence, shall once stand to- spair. All civilized governments have gether in the holy nillance for human- admitted and honored it; even Tuckey tion of the Almighty gospel of peace should not be permitted to administer tered to the earth, and God's just wrath of love might of liself so serve to bring

then be made one not alone by common | mission; other cities and towns are blood and common speech, but also by taking the matter up; it should be Let our nongress then be urged in pul- well be among the first to respond to ph and by the press, and through the this call. The Armenians who are being voice proce ding from the Christian exterminated are the trading people of

PROTECT ARMENIAN CITIZENS IN when Israel was in captivity, and I read: "Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate of the temple that Apart from such co-operation with looketh toward the east; and behald England does our government have any the glory of the God of he tel came separate or further obligations in Tur- from the way of the east; and His voice key? What then shall be said of this was like the sound of many waters; issue? The reply that first suggests and the earth shined with His glory." trelf is easy. Our traditional policy I open again the Book of Revelation, of non-interference with foreign nations and read: "And I saw another angel has kept down to a minimum our pow- dying in mid beeven, having an eteror to protect even our own citizene in nal gospel to procisim unto them that their trade in foreign lands. In naval dwell on the earth, and unto every their trade in torsign iands. It does not consider that and military equipment we are one of the weakest of the nations of the saith with a great voice, the earth. We are still violation of the first principles the hour of H's judgment is come; and Passing from the facts, upon which of Christian morality, inasmuch warnin Him that made the heaven

I close the back and walt again the of one nation with another in rare and where a battleship might lie, and the fulfillment of its prophecy. The hour Christian nation that falls in duty or cite the more impassioned interance Connecticut coast. This mere states of modern blatary; and yet once more over the land seen from the gaze of the temple reward the cost, the carth shall chine with the glory of the Lord."

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